

BALFOUR BEATEN  
BY IRISH CUP

Redmond Led the Nationalists in Division Vote on Educational Estimates and Defeated the Government.

MINISTRY NARROWLY  
ESCAPES RESIGNATION

Close Shave for Unionists, Who Rallied Their Forces When Decisive Action Threatened a Downfall.

LONDON, March 15.—The Government was defeated in the House of Commons this afternoon by 141 to 130 votes on a motion of John Redmond, the Irish leader, for a reduction of the Irish education estimates.

As it was in the nature of a snap division engineered by the Nationalists the Government refused to resign, but it was regarded as another sharp show that the direction of the wind.

Mr. Redmond's motion was made with the object of calling attention to Irish grievances. The division was taken almost immediately after the commencement of the discussion, when the Liberals and Nationalists were in strong force. The result was greeted with great cheering, especially from the Irish benches.

Forces Mustered.

The Opposition immediately moved to report progress. Premier Balfour opposed the motion. He admitted, amid much laughter, that it was obvious the Government had been defeated on a proposal to reduce a vote by \$50, but there was a considerable amount of financial business to be transacted before March 31 and he did not see why any time should be wasted.

Mr. Balfour added that the honorable member had succeeded in reducing the vote for Irish education by \$50 and the government accepted the opinion of the House on the subject.

Mr. Redmond's motion was defeated by 141 to 130 votes, the government majority being 130.

The government in the interim had succeeded in mustering enough minorities to carry the day, as in the event of a second adverse vote the Ministers would have been bound to resign.

The defeat of the Government was the result of a successful coup planned by Mr. Redmond and the Nationalists. The Irish Parliamentary party, Sir Thomas Gibson-Craig, and Mr. Redmond, secured a short list of Nationalists, day and night, and the majority of the House expected the Irish members to occupy all the afternoon in discussing Irish education. Mr. Redmond and Sir Thomas Gibson-Craig would have been quietly lunching at their clubs. The manoeuvre was a perfect success.

Upstairs in Commons.

Mr. Redmond rose, holding a large sheet of paper in his hand, as if intending to make a long speech. He then to the astonishment of all except those in the secret the Irish leader spoke only a few words and then sat down. His party demanded the division for which such careful planning had been laid.

A scene of indescribable excitement occurred when Sir Thomas Gibson-Craig and Mr. Redmond rose to the right of the Speaker's chair, thus showing that for the first time in many years the Unionist Government had been beaten.

When the division of the House handed down there was a perfect hurricane of cheering from the Opposition benches. The members rushed in and a great and prolonged applause greeted the vote to be called out.

Mr. Redmond, in the distinguished stranger's gallery at the time, appeared momentarily astounded at the result.

The cheering of the Opposition was renewed when Mr. Balfour entered the chamber, and the Unionist benches were filled with cheers and cries of "Resign!" and "Another day for the Unionist Government."

The Premier, who had by this time regained his accustomed composure, philosophically shrugged his shoulders.

The long-sustained jubilation did not end to the advantage of the Opposition. The Government whips had time to collect the dispersed forces from all parts of the House and from the galleries in London. Driving and running (trotting) came the sedate supporters of the present Government.

## GOVERNMENT WEAKENED.

John Gordon MacNeill (Nationalist), who designated the defeat "an end to the Government," further advanced by a too lengthy speech. Any when another division was taken on the motion to report progress Mr. Balfour had twenty-five votes to the good.

John Redmond, discussing the coup, said:

"To sum up briefly the cause of the division, it may be said that the Government recently introduced a rule for bidding teaching Irish in four of the first classes of the National schools. This caused widespread indignation, to which I moved for a reduction of the vote."

Mr. Wyndham (Chief Secretary for Ireland) gave no satisfactory explanation. As a result of the defeat the objectionable rule undoubtedly will be withdrawn.

While the general position of the Government has not been weakened, my impression is that a dissolution will follow in a short time. Tomorrow evening the Nationalists voted with the Government in the House of Commons. Mr. Balfour had a majority of 120. To-day, with the Irish against him, he had a minority of 11. The moral is that the time is at hand when Ireland will be ruled by the Irish.

Just before the suspension of the evening session a division on a motion to reduce the supplementary vote of the Irish estimates resulted in 128 for the motion and 226 against it, a Government majority of 98.

GIRL'S SUDDEN  
DEATH A MYSTERY

Rosie Umsherd Goes to Her Home, Becomes Unconscious and Dies Before Doctors Can Discover What Ails Her.

CORONER ORDERS THAT  
AUTOPSY BE PERFORMED.

Poison Symptoms Developed and It Is Suspected the Young Woman Died from the Effects of a Powerful Drug.

Coroner's Physician Schultz has been asked by the surgeons at Bellevue Hospital to perform an autopsy to-day on the body of Rosie Umsherd, twenty-five years old, of No. 305 Avenue C, who died at the hospital early to-day from causes that a superficial examination could not reveal, though there were faint traces of a powerful poison.

The young woman lived with her mother, her brother-in-law, John Engel, a young statesman and a younger brother, who was employed as clerk in the wholesale grocery house of James Butler, on Washington street.

According to her family she had been suffering from cramps for some days, though she was able to go to work every day. Last night when she returned home she went right to her room and threw herself on the bed. Her mother noticed as she passed into the house that she seemed in a stupor.

When she reached her daughter's side she was unconscious.

A physician was sent for, but before he responded to the call the young girl had developed such alarming symptoms that an ambulance was sent for. When Dr. Brooks came with the ambulance the girl was in convulsions and foaming at the mouth.

She was rushed to the hospital, where every effort was made to allay her sufferings, and she finally relapsed into coma. While in this coma the surgeons made a careful examination and found what they believe are traces of a powerful poison. This poison has somewhat the appearance and odor of carbolic, but there were no burns about the girl's mouth or throat to show that she had swallowed it. While they were still trying their investigation the patient died.

The young woman's mother said to-day that her daughter had never had any love affairs as far as she knew. She had a good home, lucrative employment, and until she began to suffer from cramps was always cheerful and contented. The mother could not believe that her daughter had attempted to commit suicide.

At the hospital it was said nothing really definite could be made out of the girl's case, and the autopsy was performed. The symptoms developed were entirely new to the surgeons in charge of the case.

TROLLEY PLANS  
FOR NEW BRIDGE

Presidents of the Interborough and the B. R. T. Call Upon the Mayor with Details of Scheme for Connections.

In compliance with Mayor McClellan's request that some plan by which the surface trolley lines may be connected with the new bridge to be built by the Interborough, President E. W. Winter, of the B. R. T., and President H. H. Vreeland, of the Interborough, have decided upon a method.

The B. R. T. offers to operate cars to the Manhattan terminus of the bridge. No additional fare will be charged for carrying B. R. T. passengers over the bridge to and from the Manhattan terminus.

President Vreeland's company promises to connect the Metropolitan system with the bridge by a system of electric lines now being planned and intersecting the east side. No additional fare will be charged for carrying Metropolitan passengers over the bridge to and from the Brooklyn terminus. Local bridge service will be arranged for by running cars for a fixed fare, or two tickets for five cents.

The railroad Presidents called upon the Mayor to-day and told him that they are prepared at once to take up with the municipal authorities the working out of the details of the plan.

## SECOR PLEADS GUILTY.

D. L. and W. Cashier Admits that He Took Company's Funds.

George H. Secor, cashier of the New York office of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, was arrested a week ago for embezzling funds of the office, to-day pleaded guilty to the charge of grand larceny.

His New York attorney, whom Secor was arraigned, reminded him to the Tombs until Friday to await sentence. He can be sent to Sing Sing Prison for not more than five years.

Secor is alleged, to have \$10,000 of the railroad company's money. He fled to Mexico, but returned a week ago, surrendering to the authorities.

## TO HOLD UP 30-DAY BILLS.

Significance of Delaying Adjournment Despite Odell's Denial.

JUST SHOWING HOW EASY IT IS NOW TO OBTAIN  
DIVORCE IF YOU GET TIRED OF MARRIAGE TIES.